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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORT OF CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS IN NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

BEGIN SUMMARY: U.S. FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WITH VESSELS OPERATING IN NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES SUBJECT TO U.S. MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION REPORT CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS FOR THIRTY MINUTE SQUARE AREAS BY VESSEL WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER. TO DATE, QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOVIET GOVERNMENT BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS). EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT. END UNCLASSIFIED

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SUMMARY.

1. UNDER THE FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON FEBRUARY 11, 1977, FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WIT; VESSELS OPERATING IN WATERS SUBJECT TO U.S. FISHERY MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTAIN FISHING DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICAL

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. IN SUBPART C (ATLANTIC OCEAN)

OF THESE REGULATIONS IT IS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) (3) OF SECTIONS 611.50 (HAKES), 611.52 (SQUIDS), 611.52 (ATLANTIC MACKEREL), 611.53 (ATLANTIC HERRING), AND 611.54 (OTHER FINFISH), THAT CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS FOR THIRTY MINUTE SQUARE AREAS BE REPORTED BY VESSEL WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER. IT IS FURTHER REQUIRED THAT THESE STATISTICS BE REPORTED USING THIRTY MINUTE SQUARE STATLAND 21B FORMS OR MAGNETIC TAPE, COMPUTER CARDS, OR PRINTOUTS FOR ALL SPECIES AND GEAR TYPES.

- 2. TO DATE THIS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOVIET GOVERNMENT BY DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST REGION, NMFS, 14 ELM STREET, GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01930, AS REQUIRED BY ABOVE REGULATIONS.
- 3. SOVIET FISHERIES ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, MR. YURI A. ZNAMENSKIY, WAS CONTACTED BY LETTER FROM NMFS CONCERNING REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORT ON JULY 19, 1977. NMFS HAS LEARNED THAT ZNAMENSKIY CABLED HIS GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THIS REQUEST ON AUGUST 9, 1977. REPORT, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING TO DATE. ZNAMENSKIY IS CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW, TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 27. EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT SINCE THIS IS FIRST SUCH QUARTERLY REPORT REQUIRED UNDER FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS AND IN VIEW OF FOREGOING CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. SINCE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMISSION OF SIMILAR INFORMATION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF), NMFS BELIEVES IT MAY BE USEFUL TO SUGGEST TO APPROPRIATE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL THAT SUBMISSION OF REPORT MIGHT BE EXPEDITED BY CONTACTING THIS OFFICIAL DIRECTLY: THE DIRECTOR, VNIRO, (ALL-UNION RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MARINE FISHERIES AND OCEANOGRAPHY), 17 V. KRASNOSELSKAYA, MOSCOW B-140, 107140, USSR. (FY)

(FYI) ALTHOUGH DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER FOREIGH FISHING REGULATIONS DID NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL MARCH 1, 1977, INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (F)
(3) OF SECTIONS MENTIONED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977 IS DESIRED BY NMFS FOR CURRENT MANAGEMENT PURPOSES.
ACCORDINGLY, ASSISTANCE OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING

THIS INFORMATION FOR MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS FOR

MARCH 1977, WILL BE APPRECIATED. COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES IS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING FOREIGN ALLOCATIONS. NEXT QUARTERLY REPORT WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 1977. VANCE

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